

EASY

- *you can read the words fluently (smooth and with an interesting voice)
- *there often are not a lot of words on a page
- *you know how to say all the words
- *there are not a lot of pages in the book
- *you have a lot of schema for the subject
- *sometimes the book has a larger font
- *you totally understand the story
- *your reading rate may be quicker
- *your thinking comes easy as you read the words

CHALLENGING

- *many of the words are too hard to decode (failed a five finger test)
- *you don't know what the tricky words MEAN
- *your reading becomes choppy more than it is fluent
- *you don't have any schema for the subject
- *there are often a lot of words on the page
- *often the font is small
- *you lose focus as you are reading
- *you are not enjoying the book because you have to do too much word work
- *your thinking is confused
- *your reading rate slows way down

JUST RIGHT

- *you can read most of the words
- *you can understand what you are reading
- *you enjoy the book
- *you may have some schema for the subject
- *you can read the book with smooth fluency but there are some choppy places
- *your reading rate is just right- not too slow and not too fast
- *you can figure out the tricky words and still get the meaning of the story